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News

DSU freshmen present fresh perspectives on Delaware history

Students participated in programs at four Delaware historic sites in July 2015. Read more ...



Delaware State University students, dressed in period clothing, participating in the Jumpstart program at the John Dickinson Plantation. (From left) Terryon Witkowski, Jordyn Batch, Jasmine Griffin and Gene Gray.

Division to sponsor 10 special events during August 2015

History meets sci-fi, crime and 18th-century medicine to be featured. Read more ...

Division welcomes four new staff members in June 2015

Additions made to Site Management, Preservation Maintenance and Horticulture teams. Read more ...

Goodbye Howard

Long-term volunteer Howard Fulcher to leave the division at the end of July 2015. Read more \dots

On a Wing and a Prayer: A Closer Look at Military Glider Aircraft Used in World War II

Second in a series of articles exploring the subjects of images from the state's William D. Willis World War II Photographic Collection.

Read more ...

Reservations still available for lecture/tours of the DeBraak hull

British warship was capsized and lost off the Delaware coast on May 25, 1798. Read more ...

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Help Save Delaware History

National Register Guide

National Trust for Historic Preservation series of blogs on how to apply to have a property listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

Read more ...

RAL announces cultural conservation easement with state

Cape Gazette, Lewes, Del.—July 24, 2015 Agreement will help preserve the historic artists' colony. Read more ...

A look at what's beneath your feet

Dover Post, Del.—July 19, 2015
Article on the Archaeological Society of Delaware.
Read more ...

"Preserving Our Past for a Better Future: Delaware's Historic Preservation Plan, 2013–2017"

Document provides a roadmap for focusing on the broad goals and needs of Delaware's preservation community. Read more ...

Media Roundup

The following Delaware history-related articles have recently appeared in the media:

Georgetown's Old Courthouse offers bilingual tours Cape Gazette, Lewes, Del.—July 26, 2015 Division-owned property is operated by the Georgetown Historical Society.

D.C. getaway guide: 12 drivable weekend trips

Washington Post, D.C.—July 16, 2015

Article features trip to Dover including The Old State House and Johnson Victrola Museum, among others.

Delaware Backstory: History & mystery at Old Swedes

News Journal, Wilmington, Del.—July 13, 2015

Historic Wilmington church is part of the First State National Historic Park.

Calling all Delaware Artists and Artisans for Arts in the Estuary

AmmoLand Shooting Sports News, Manasquan, N.J.—July 9, 2015

Article on call for artists to participate in Arts in the Estuary, a partnership between the John Dickinson Plantation and the St. Jones Reserve.

New scholarship announced at Rehoboth Art League Annual Meeting

Cape Gazette, Lewes, Del.—July 3, 2015

As part of the program, division director Tim Slavin was recognized for his support.

Delaware Backstory: Help share freed slaves' stories

News Journal, Wilmington, Del.—June 28, 2015

Article on the "Freedmen's Bureau Project" which aims to digitize the personal histories of an estimated 4 million emancipated slaves.

New Life for a Historic House

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Washington, D.C.—June/July issue

Article on the Allee House that was formerly administered by the division.

Events

Saturday, Aug. 1

First Saturday in Georgetown – Downtown Georgetown

The Doctor Is In – Old State House

Music Therapy – Johnson Victrola Museum

Black Loyalists in the American Revolution – Hale-Byrnes House

Fenwick Island Light Station's 156th Anniversary – Fenwick Island Lighthouse

Mondays, Aug. 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31

Lecture/Tours of His Majesty's Sloop DeBraak – Zwaanendael Museum

Wednesday, Aug. 5

Hale-Byrnes Open House – Hale-Byrnes House

Friday, Aug. 7

National Lighthouse Day at Fenwick Island Lighthouse – Fenwick Island Lighthouse

Saturday, Aug. 8

Demonstrations by the Thistledown Fiber Arts Guild – John Dickinson Plantation Caesar Rodney Meets Dr. Who - Old State House

Saturday, Aug. 15

Running of the Mill - Abbott's Mill Nature Center

Wednesday, Aug, 19

Crime and Time in Delaware - New Castle Court House Museum

Exhibits and Displays

Ongoing

Delaware and the War of 1812 – Zwaanendael Museum

Delaware Mourns Lincoln: A Demonstration of Love and Sorrow – The Old State House

Discovering Delaware's Maritime Past – Zwaanendael Museum

Emeline Hawkins: Her Journey from Slavery to Freedom on the Underground Railroad - New Castle Court House Museum

Middletown Goes To War – Middletown Historical Society

Sculpture by Charles Parks – New Castle Court House Museum

A Seaborne Citizenry: The DeBraak and Its Atlantic World – Zwaanendael Museum

Simple Machines – John Dickinson Plantation

World War II Through the Lens of William D. Willis – Legislative Hall





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